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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title):

IMAGE STORAGE, PRINTED MATTER PRODUCTION SYSTEM, AND METHOD

By (Inventors):

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An assignment of the invention to NIKON CORPORATION AND NIKON TECHNOLOGIES INC. is filed herewith.

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Priority of foreign application No. 2000-088338 filed March 28, 2000 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).

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